



City of EL MONTE

FALL 2013

Job Fair Attracts Thousands of Job Seekers

The City of El Monte is now known to host some of the most successful job fairs in the San Gabriel Valley. On Friday, June 21, the City again hosted a job fair that attracted thousands of job seekers and more than 50 employers ready to hire.

The El Monte Job Fair, held at the El Monte Community Center, served as a one-stop venue for participants to meet dozens of employers, including Fortune 200 companies, who had thousands of jobs ready to be filled. Some employers conducted interviews and filled positions on the spot. Also available to attendees was a resume writing workshop.

The City hosted the job fair along with Central San Gabriel Valley Work Source, State of California Employment Development Department, Los Angeles County Department of Social Services and the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Sponsors of the event included Valley Vista Services Inc. and the El Monte Police Officers Association.



Raul Godinez II Becomes New City Manager

After a thorough search, the City has selected as City Manager Raul Godinez II, who has extensive experience working with similar cities.

Mr. Godinez was born and raised in the City of San Fernando. He graduated from California State University, Northridge, with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

Since 2009, Mr. Godinez has been responsible for maintaining and delivering all major capital projects for the City of Santa Ana's infrastructure.

He served in a similar capacity in the City of Oakland for nine years as the Assistant Director and then Director of Public Works, under then-Mayor Jerry Brown. Prior to that, he worked in the private sector and served the City of Los Angeles for more than 12 years.

Mr. Godinez also served on the San Fernando City Council from 1994 to 1998. While on the Council, Godinez helped reorganize City Hall and provided a rigorous review of the budget. This resulted in increased staffing for the Police, Recreation and Community Development Departments, provided funding for a new weekly Farmers Market to help revitalize the downtown mall area.

Council Places 3 Measures on November Ballot

The City Council recently approved placing three ballot measures on the upcoming November 5th municipal election.

#1 Extending Measure GG (Measure GG)

Voters will be asked to consider a five-year extension to the City's half-cent sales tax, Measure GG, when the option comes before them in November. First approved by voters in 2008, Measure GG is currently set to sunset on March 31, 2014 and will result in an annual loss of \$4 million to the City's general fund without an extension.

#2 Rotating Mayor Position (Measure RM)

El Monte voters will have the option of restructuring the Office of the Mayor by making the position a rotating seat among the councilmembers.

#3 Extending Mayor Term (Measure EM)

El Monte voters will determine if the term of the Mayor's office should extend from two years to four years.

Your vote counts!

To register, visit www.lavote.net.



**WE WANT
YOUR INPUT!**

Help El Monte improve by filling out a short survey on city services at www.ci.el-monte.ca.us/survey. All respondents will be entered to win a Centennial Gift Basket!

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Back-to-School Resource Fair Provides School Supplies to Local Families



The community rallied together to support school children preparing for their first day of school by providing free backpacks, haircuts and supplies to more than 1,500 students at the Second Annual Back to School Resource Fair on Saturday, Aug. 24.

The event, open to school-aged children who attend El Monte schools, provided students with more than 300 haircuts, 1,500 pairs of socks, 1,600 backpacks and numerous schools supplies to start the school year off right.

The City of El Monte partnered with the Downtown El Monte Business Association, El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce, Professional Institute of Beauty, and the El Monte Union High School, El Monte City and Mt. View School districts to host the Fair.

The fair also provided free child fingerprinting services from the El Monte Police Department.

More than 50 local organizations and businesses donated goods to the event, greatly exceeding participation from last year's event.



Council Approves Balanced General Fund FY 2013-14 Budget

For first time in several years, budget is approved before start of fiscal year

After weeks of working collaboratively with City staff, community members and residents, the El Monte City Council unanimously voted to adopt a balanced General Fund budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year, meeting the July 1 deadline.

At its meeting on Tuesday, June 25, the City Council adopted a General Fund operating budget totaling \$52.9 million. Council members also adopted an Enterprise Fund budget, which includes water and sewer expenses, totaling \$5.8 million. The budget includes a projected surplus of \$16,000.

The balanced General Fund budget incorporates a minimal increase in General Fund revenues, along with concessions from employee bargaining units and a 9.6 percent reduction in City-wide operation and maintenance expenditures.

The City held budget workshops with the City Council on May 21, June 4 and June 18. Community town hall meetings were held June 5 and June 19. Through the workshops, City staff was able to develop a budget that responsibly accounts for expenditures and revenues.

The City has been fiscally responsible and is committed to maintaining the highest level of services to the residents of El Monte.



Crack Down on Illegal Fireworks Continues

Responding to community concerns, the City made it a top priority to curb the use of dangerous illegal fireworks over the Fourth of July holiday.

Working with the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the El Monte Police Department (EMPD) seized more than **38 tons of illegal fireworks** during sting operations in several area cities, resulting in 45 felony arrests.

Those caught using illegal fireworks faced a \$1,000 fine thanks to a new ordinance passed by the City Council in March. This year, the EMPD cited 74 individuals with illegal firework citations.

All illegal fireworks can be reported to the EMPD at **(626) 580-2100**.

Fun Fall Park & Rec Activities are Enrolling Now!

Don't miss your chance to enroll in these fun Parks & Recreation events!

Pee Wee Cheerleading Program:

- For girls entering 3rd-5th grade
- Held at Gibson Mariposa Park, Lambert Park, Mt. View Park & Zamora Park
- Registration began August 27
- Limited to the first 16 girls to register and pay for uniform fee or deposit



After School Youth Sports Leagues :

- Co-Ed Flag Football for Youth (5th & 6th Grades)
- Co-Ed Flag Football for Teens (7th & 8th Grades)
- Seven Week Program begins in September
- Held at Gibson Mariposa Park, Lambert Park, Mt. View Park, Zamora Park & Cogswell
- Registration Fee is \$10 for the year and includes a free T-shirt



For more info, please call Parks & Recreation Office at **(626) 580-2200** Mondays- Thursdays 8:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

City Celebrates Grand Opening of Mountain View Homes

The City of El Monte and Baldwin Parks Home, LLC hosted a grand opening ceremony in June for the much-anticipated Mountain View Homes single-family residential community.

The 62-unit housing project, one of the largest single-family residential housing developments in San Gabriel Valley, is located adjacent to Mountain View High School on a 6.32-acre lot. Illustrating the investment in El Monte's housing stock, the developer is providing affordable housing opportunities in six homes that have been set aside for individuals and families of moderate income.

It is anticipated that the entire project, valued at more than \$28 million, will result in a more than five-fold increase in property taxes. About \$393,000 in Impact Fees will be generated and go directly to local school districts. Approximately \$374,000 of Quimby Park Fees will be paid to the City park rehabilitation development program and about \$280,000 will be paid to the City's Art in Public Places Program.



City at Your Service

The City is dedicated to providing first rate service to all residents.

The City hosts a monthly Family Adventure Shuttle to popular destinations in our area. The September shuttle will travel to the L.A. County Fair on Sept. 21. For more information, call (626) 580-2242.

We hope you are enjoying one of the City's 10 community parks. To report a problem at a city park in El Monte, please call (626) 580-2250.

Crime is down in El Monte and we couldn't do it without your help! Help us keep El Monte safe and crime down by reporting suspicious activities to (626) 580-2100.

El Monte Events

Neighborhood Meeting

Date & Time:
Saturday, September 14 from 12-2 p.m.
Location:
Kranz Intermediate School
12460 Fineview Avenue, El Monte

El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Mixer

Date & Time:
Wednesday, September 18 at 5:30 p.m.
Location:
Vons Credit Union
4455 Arden Drive, El Monte

Neighborhood Meeting

Date & Time:
Thursday, September 19 from 6-7 p.m.
Location:
Potrero School
2611 Potrero, El Monte

El Monte Police Department Open House

Date & Time:
Saturday, September 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Location:
Police Department
11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte

El Monte Airport Fly-In and Open House

Date & Time:
Sunday, September 22 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Location:
10925 Railroad St. and Tyler Avenue, El Monte

City Council and Successor Agency Meeting

Date & Time:
Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Location:
Council Chambers
11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte

Neighborhood Meeting

Date & Time:
Thursday, September 26 from 6-7 p.m.
Location:
Cherry Lee School
5025 Buffington Road, El Monte

El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast

Date & Time:
Wednesday, October 2 at 7:30 a.m.
Location:
El Patio Restaurant
11672 Ramona Boulevard, El Monte

Candidates Forum Hosted by the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce and El Monte Business and Professional Women

Date & Time:
Monday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Location:
Grace T. Black Auditorium
3130 N. Tyler Avenue, El Monte

City Council and Successor Agency Meeting

Date & Time:
Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Location:
Council Chambers
11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte

Hope House Walk-A-Thon

Date & Time:
Saturday, October 12
Location:
4215 Peck Road, El Monte

El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Mixer

Date & Time:
Wednesday, October 16 at 5:30 p.m.
Location:
Ramona Care Center
11900 Ramona Boulevard, El Monte

Children's Day Parade and Harvest Festival

Date & Time:
Saturday, October 19
10:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Location:
Tyler Avenue and Arceo Park, El Monte

Day of the Dead Celebration

Date & Time:
Saturday, October 19
2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Location:
Valley Mall, El Monte

City Council and Successor Agency Meeting

Date & Time:
Tuesday, October 22
6:30 p.m.
Location:
Council Chambers
11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte

El Monte Police Department "Trunk or Treat"

Date & Time:
Wednesday, October 30
6:00 pm
Location:
Community Center
3130 N. Tyler Avenue, El Monte

El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast

Date & Time:
Wednesday, Nov. 6
7:30 a.m.
Location:
El Patio Restaurant
11672 Ramona Boulevard, El Monte

Veterans Day Holiday

Monday, November 11
City Hall Offices Closed

El Monte Parks and Recreation Department Ends Summer with a Blast of Family-Fun Activities



The El Monte Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department made sure kids and their families had a blast this summer by offering lots of free programs, fun activities and entertaining concerts.

Starting June 24, the Department offered an exciting free five-week Summer Program at Arceo, Gibson Mariposa, Lambert, Mt. View and Zamora parks, as well as Cogswell School. Summer activities included games, sports, arts and crafts and weekly field trips to local attractions including Knott's Berry Farm and the beach. There was also a free lunch program from June 18 to Aug. 12.

As part of this summer program, the campers were treated to an Overnight Camp Out at Whittier Narrows Nature Center. The event featured hikes, Native American music and instrument presentations, visits to the nature museum and animal exhibits. This was an event to remember!

For a few weeks this summer, hundreds of El Monte kids also got to experience the daily life of a lifeguard. From July 8 to Aug. 1, youth ages 10 to 15 participated in the Junior Lifeguard Program, which provided a foundation of lifeguarding and life skills.

Lastly, El Monte's 10th Annual Rockin' Wednesdays Summer Concerts in the Park series saw performances from popular bands and musicians at Arceo Park.



Looking Ahead

Watch for city events including:

- Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings
- Upcoming Emergency Preparedness Workshops
- October 19- Children's Parade and Harvest Festival
- Street Striping Program to Improve Back-to-School Safety
- Monthly bike rides with Bike SGV

City Council

André Quintero
Mayor

Norma Macias
Mayor Pro Tem

Juventino "J" Gomez
Councilman

Victoria "Vicky" Martinez
Councilwoman

Bart Patel
Councilman

Henry Velasco
City Treasurer

Lorene Gutierrez
City Clerk

City Directory

City Hall Services

City Manager's Office..... (626) 580-2001
City Council (626) 580-2001
City Attorney (626) 580-2010
Economic Development
Department (626) 580-2249

Community Development

Administration (626) 580-2090
Code Enforcement (626) 580-2080
Valley Vista Services (800) 442-6454

Finance

Administration (626) 580-2023
Business License..... (626) 580-2031
Water (626) 580-2024

Human Resources

Administration (626) 580-2040

Parks & Recreation

Administration (626) 580-2200
Aquatic Center..... (626) 580-2213
Community &
Senior Services (626) 580-2210

Museums

El Monte Historical (626) 580-2232
La Historia Society..... (626) 279-1954

Public Safety

Administration (626) 580-2101
Emergency Fire/Police..... 911
Fire Department
L.A. County..... (626) 974-8371

Information/Patrol (626) 580-2110
Community Relations..... (626) 580-2186

Public Works

Administration (626) 580-2058
Transportation
Division (626) 580-2217
MTA Bus Passes (626) 580-2242
Dial-a-Ride..... (626) 307-3224
Trolley Information..... (626) 943-1200
MTA Bus Information (800) 266-6883

El Monte Library
(Tyler/Asher) (626) 444-9506
Norwood Library
(Peck/Emery) (626) 443-3147
Animal Control (626) 962-3577